WHEREAS, by Executive Order 2014-11, a State of Emergency was declared in South Carolina due to a severe winter storm that occurred beginning on February 11, 2014, the effects of which lasted through February 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, it became necessary for many banks and savings and loan institutions to close as a result of the hazardous weather that occurred between February 11, 2014 and February 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Section 53-5-55 of the South Carolina Code of Laws authorizes the Governor to declare legal holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions whenever the Governor finds such additional holidays to be necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to declare as legal holidays the days on which a State of Emergency was in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby declare February 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, and 19, 2014 to be legal holidays for banks and savings and loan institutions in the State of South Carolina.